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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TRIPS TO ISRAEL AND SPAIN

1. PRESIDENT ODUBER INFORMED ME MARCH 16 THAT HE WILL LEAVE ON MARCH 28 FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIM DURING FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON'S VISIT. ODUBER SAID HE WAS RELUCTANT TO GO BECAUSE HE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE HIMSELF A TARGET OF THE PALESTINIANS, BUT HE HAD NO SOUND BASIS FOR DECLINING THE INVITATION. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT BY THIS INVITATION THE ISRAELIS WISH TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM COSTA RICA IN THE UN.

2. FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL, ODUBER ALSO PLANS TO VISIT SPAIN IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER INVITATION. ODUBER BELIEVES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES HIM TO COME AS A WAY OF DEMONSTRATING SPAIN'S ASSOCIATION WITH A DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST-INCLINED GOVERNMENT AND, BY INFERENCE, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO MOVE GRADUALLY IN THAT DIRECTION. IN HIS STATEMENTS IN SPAIN ODUBER PLANS TO SUPPORT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND WELCOME THE DIRECTION IN WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS IT INTENDS TO MOVE.

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